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Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Baltimore County, Maryland

In the Matter of Civil Citation No. 56494

Patrick S. Young Ruth C. Young

1224 Newfield Road

Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Department of Permits and Development Management on March 31, 2009, for a hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-112, 115, 310, 312, failure to remove accumulation of debris, materials from shed; failure to comply with correction notice on residential property known as 1224 Newfield Road, 21207.

On March 6, 2009, pursuant to §3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Code Enforcement Officer, issued a code enforcement citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars)

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: the Respondent, Patrick S. Young and Ray Harmon, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

After proper consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented, the Hearing Officer finds:

- A. Multiple Citations have been issued for this property since at least 2007 for junk, trash, and debris, and removal of untagged vehicles. This Citation was issued on March 6, 2009. Photographs in the file show quantities of junk and debris, and bagged garbage or trash not in cans with tight fitting lids.
- B. Inspector Harmon testified that re-inspection on March 27, 2009 found some improvement. Photographs in the file show some items still piled next to the shed including a utility bucket full of dirty water and unknown items, and cleaning tools. Mr. Young testified that some of these items are a plastic children's sandbox and automobile ramps. Mr. Young was advised that these and other household items need to be stored inside the house or shed.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the civil penalty will be RESCINDED and reduced to \$0 (zero dollars) if the property is cleaned up and cleared of all trash, junk, and debris by April 15, 2009. If the Respondent fails to correct the violations, the civil penalty shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

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ORDERED this 8th day of April 2009.

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED

Margaret Z. Ferguson

Baltimore County Hearing Officer

NOTICE TO VIOLATOR: The violator is advised that (1) pursuant to §3-6-206(g)(2) of the Baltimore County Code, the Violator may make written application to the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management within 10 days to modify or amend this order and (2) pursuant to §3-6-301(a), Baltimore County Code, the Violator may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order. Any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security to satisfy the penalty assessed.

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